THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The parameters supposed to be adopted by manufacturers of consumer products like bathing soap, detergents, toiletry, shaving blades, toothpaste, hair oils, etc. for fixing the maximum retail prices are:-

(i) Cost of inputs like raw-materials, utilities and overheads including selling and distribution expenses.

(ii) Capital related charges, viz. depreciation, interest and profit margins.

(iii) Duties; and

(iv) Local taxes.

There is no statutory price control over these products, and as such, market forces are expected to determine the prices of individual items. The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, which advises the Government on continuing basis on various aspects of price structure in relation to industrial costs etc. on the basis of specific reference received by it, has not undertaken any cost study of these consumer products in the recent past.

(c) The liberalised economic policy which includes, deregulation etc., provides a competitive enviornment, which itself acts as a major deterrent in fixing prices arbitrarily.

Formulation of exit policy

1973. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different State Governments have warned Central Government against rushing through the formulation of exit policy?

(b) if so, what are the apprehensions of State Governments and their precise stand on this matter; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Government have no proposal to formulate any new exit policy.

Corruption in KVIC

1974. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Aniyamiptaon Ke Bavjood Adhyaksha Ke Khilaf Karwai Nahin" on page 2 of Rashtriya Sahara, Delhi dated 27th April, 1993;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to investigate into the rampant corruption prevailing in the Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the arrangements made by Government to make the Commission free from corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government from time to time, receives a lot of representations/complaints on matters pertaining to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). As an when such representations are received, Government looks into these matters and takes appropriate action.